

## REMARKS

Claims 1, 6, and 11-16 are amended. No new matter is added by these amendments. Claims 1-20 are pending. By amending the claims, applicants are not conceding that the claims are non-statutory under 35 U.S.C. 101, 102, 103, and 112 and are not conceding that the claims are unpatentable over the art cited by the Examiner, as the claim amendments are only for the purpose of facilitating expeditious prosecution. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional applications. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all claims in view of the amendments above and the remarks that follow.

### 35 U.S.C. 101 Rejections

Claims 11-15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claims recite: "a signal-bearing medium." Claims 11-15 are amended to recite a storage medium, which is statutory under 35 U.S.C. 101.

### 35 U.S.C. 112 Rejections

Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 because "'a second password' is undefined." Claim 1, on which claim 5 depends, is amended to recite a first password, which provides a comparison to a "second password" of claim 5.

### 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103 Rejections

Claims 1-3, 6-8, 11-13, and 16-158 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as unpatentable over Child (U.S. Patent 6,341,352). Claims 4-5, 9-10, 145-15, and 19-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Child. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are patentable over the reference because all of the elements of the claims are not taught or suggested by the reference, for the reasons argued below.

Claim 1 recites: “determining whether a first password is restricted to a set of pages; and if the determining is true, denying submission of the first password outside the set of pages, wherein the first password is allowed to be submitted to the set of pages.” Thus, in claim 1, the first password that is restricted to a set of pages is allowed to be submitted to the set of pages but is denied submission outside the set of pages.

In contrast, in Child, an expired password is not allowed to be submitted anywhere because, as described in Child at column 6, lines 47-49, “the routine redirects the user to a security subprogram that is used to modify, alter or otherwise change the password,” instead of completing the transaction, as described in Child at column 6, lines 41-44. Thus, Child teaches away from claim 1 because Child disallows all submission of an expired password while claim 1 conditionally allows and disallows submission depending on whether the password is submitted to the set of pages.

Independent claims 6, 11, and 16 include similar elements as argued above for claim 1 and are patentable over the references for similar reasons. Claims 2-5, 7-10, 12-15, and 17-20 are dependent on claims 1, 6, 11, and 16, respectively, and are patentable for the reasons argued above, plus the elements in the claims.

Conclusion


Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (651-645-7135) to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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